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RESOLUTION NO. 52-12

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**SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO PROVIDE RAIL SERVICE ON
THE EXISTING APPROXIMATELY 29.71 MILES OF RAIL TRACK KNOWN AS THE
"TAHAWUS LINE" RUNNING FROM NORTH CREEK, NEW YORK WITH TERMINUS AT
NEWCOMB, NEW YORK**

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DATED: FEBRUARY 2, 2012

BY MR. EDWARDS:

WHEREAS, Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC has made application to the Surface Transportation Board for permission to re-activate the Tahawus line, and

WHEREAS, once approved for use, Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC intends to utilize the Tahawus line to haul freight and support economic development, and

WHEREAS, existing rail lines have become an increasingly important alternative for shipping and receiving for small to medium size Adirondack businesses as the price of gasoline and diesel fuel increases, and

WHEREAS, the North Country Regional Economic Council Plan indentified rail importance as a major component of the region's economic health and calls for the retention of all existing rail lines, and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and use of the Tahawus rail line as proposed by Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC holds the potential for additional future passenger and tourism services, while accommodating freight shipments to existing businesses, and

WHEREAS, the application of Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC to re-activate the Tahawus line has been met with vehement opposition by Protect the Adirondacks!, Inc. as well as resistance by the NYS DEC, Division of Lands and Forest, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses strong support for the application of Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC to the Surface Transportation Board for permission to operate the Tahawus line, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall cause certified copies of this Resolution to be presented to the Surface Transportation Board, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forest, the Essex County Board of Supervisors, the Hon. Elizabeth O'C. Little, the Hon. Teresa Sayward, the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and such other officials and entities as deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Mr. McGovern and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: PINCOMBE, EDWARDS, WELLS, FREY, MCGOVERN, SEAMAN, FARBER, AND
TOWERS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: WILT

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:

SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS)

I, Laura A. Abrams, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 2nd day of February, 2012 and the same is true and correct transcript there from and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of February, 2012.


Clerk of the Board

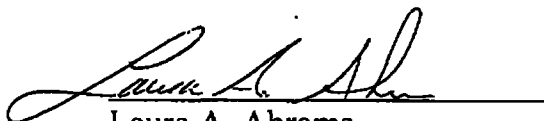
**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
---OPERATION EXEMPTION---
TAHAWUS LINE**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the "Support Transmittal Resolution" of Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC dated February 2, 2012, in the above captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail to all parties on the Board's service list on February 23, 2012.



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